

Taraba State Aids Control Agency (TACA)

Request for Expressions of Interest HIV/AIDS Programme Development Project II (HPDPII) (World Bank Assisted)

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Advertisement for Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) including Non-Government Organizations, Faith Based Organizations, Private Sector Organizations and Umbrella Organizations to Provide HIV/AIDS Related Services

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The Taraba State AIDS Control Agency (TACA) coordinates the response to HIV/AIDS epidemic in the state. It has received financing from the World Bank to coordinate the HIV/AIDS Program Development Project (HPDP II) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services.

Assignment Description and Services Requested (Scope of Work)

This is a call for Expression of Interest from qualified and competent Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) including: Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Faith Based Organizations, Private Sector Organizations and Umbrella Organizations, to provide support to Taraba SACA in implementing the HIV/AIDS Fund (HAF). The focus is on prevention of new HIV infections and is for an initial two years. Organizations are expected to identify and work with any or all specified target populations within the specified geographic coverage areas, to deliver evidence based HIV intervention packages in line with international standard and best practices. The areas of focus are:

A. HIV Prevention of New Infections

1. Most At Risk Population (M ARPS). The target population are:

1.1 Female Sex Workers (FSW),

Geographical Area: Gassol, Sardauna, Jalingo, Wukari, Bali and Gashaka LGAs

Intervention Package:

Behavioral:

- Peer outreach and education on HIV
- Condom programming, to ensure efficient and effective condom promotion and distribution; consistent and correct use of condom

Biomedical:

- HIV Testing and Counseling
- STI control and management
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Structural:

- Community dialogue

2. Other Vulnerable Groups (Client of FSW) The target population are:

2.1 Transport Workers (Long Distance Truck Drivers)

Geographical Area: Gassol, Jalingo, Wukari and Bali LGAs

Intervention Package:

- HIV Counseling and Testing (HCT)
- Condom promotion and distribution to ensure consistency and correct use
- Referrals

- Peer outreach and education models

2.2 Prevention of Mother-to- Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV

The target populations are: Pregnant Women; Traditional Birth

Attendance (TBA): Traditional rulers: and Religious Leaders.

Geographical Area: Yorro, Ibi, Lau. Karim Lamido, Donga and Ussa LGAs

Intervention Package:

- Advocacy to allow/encourage women to attend antenatal clinic, which is an entry point for PMTCT services
- Referral of HIV positive pregnant women to receive ARVs during delivery
- Counseling for breast feeding options and infant follow up
- Referrals for BID services and infant tracking
- Provision of HCT services at every opportunity to women of reproductive age and couple HCT

B. Care and Support

1.0 Target Population: People living with HIV/AIDS

- i) Geographical area: Sardauna, Gashaka, Bali, Wukari, Donga, Jalingo, Zing and Karim Lamido LGAs
- ii) Intervention packages
 - Peer education outreach and home based care
 - Volunteer referral for HIV and STI services
 - Community advocacy and sensitization on stigma and discrimination

2.0 Target Population: Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs)

i) Geographical area: Kurmi, Ussa, Takum, Karim Lamido, Lau, Yorro and Jalingo LGAs

ii) Intervention packages:

- Education support and school enrolment
- Health care and nutrition support
- Establishing link to skill acquisition training

2. **Duration of the Project:** The assignment is for a period of two years.

3. **Short-Listing Criteria**

Taraba State Aids Control Agency (TACA) invites eligible organizations to express their interest in providing any of the above mentioned services. To be eligible, an NGO, umbrella CSOs, FBOs, Professional Association/unions, Community Based Organizations (CBOs) should have evidence of registration with the State Ministry of Information, Youth and Sports or equivalent body in the state for not less than two years and registration with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) of Nigeria for at least one year.

Interested organizations must also provide brochures / organizational profile containing: area of expertise; description of similar assignments with delivered results; demonstrable logistics, and infrastructural capacity to deliver; experience in execution of similar projects; availability of adequate staff with appropriate skills; office accommodation located within the state; operational governance structure and process; understanding the culture and traditional values including local languages of the project areas; evidence of working in a community and evidence of financial management. Organizations are encouraged to associate to enhance their qualifications.

4. General Terms and Conditions

Organizations will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition). Expressions of Interest must be in English language only and submitted in two (2) copies (one original and one photo copy) in a sealed envelope. The outer sealed envelope must be clearly marked HPDP II/HAF III/2012. The inner envelopes should be marked "original" and "photo-copy" accordingly.

Only shortlisted organizations would be contacted and required to send a detailed proposal based on the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Interested Organizations may obtain further information at the address stated below from 9:00am to 4:00 PM on Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays). Electronic submission of EOI shall not be entertained.

The expression of interest should be addressed and delivered not later than 4:00pm on 6th May /2013 to the address stated below:

The Project Manager,

Taraba State HIV/AIDS Programme Development Project II,

Taraha State AIDS Control Agency,

Off Donga Road, Behind Bureau for Lund and Survey,

Jalingo Taraba State.